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Highlights

Missouri unemployment was unchanged in December, remaining at 5.5 percent of the labor force.

Payroll employment in the state seems to be accelerating.

Employment was up by 6,300 jobs in December, a month which usually experiences a small seasonal dip. One of the highlights of the month was an increase of 1,800 jobs in manufacturing, the best performance in more than a year. Total payroll employment is now 51,000 jobs higher than a year ago.

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate decreased slightly to 5.2 percent, the lowest December rate since the 1970s. Payroll employment was up by 3,400 jobs over the month and 13,200 jobs over the year, with gains in services, retail trade, and construction reflecting an improved economy.

Kansas City area unemployment remained at 4.7 percent, the lowest rate this year. Payroll employment was up by 1,300 jobs from November and 15,200 jobs from December 1992. Manufacturing employment remained slightly below the year-earlier level.

The unemployment rate in Springfield also remained the same — 4.2 percent. Payroll employment has grown by 5,600 jobs over the year, with manufacturing up by 500 jobs.

Major Changes In Data Coming

Major changes in the labor force data estimating program will take place, effective with the January issue of Missouri Area Labor Trends. These changes will affect the data presented on pages 2 and 3 of this publication.

The changes include:

1. New Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and Labor Market Area (LMA) definitions.
2. Incorporation of commuting data and other factors from the 1990 Census into the estimating process.
3. Implementation of new models for estimating statewide labor force data.
4. Significant changes in the Current Population Survey (CPS), which underlies statewide and, indirectly, substate estimates.

The changes in the CPS have affected national labor force data, which have already been released for January.

Further information on these changes and their effects on published data will be provided in the January issue of this publication.

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates

County/Labor Market Area	Current Month - December 1993 (Preliminary)				Previous Month - November 1993 (Revised)				One Year Ago - December 1992 (Benchmarked)			
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	128,898	120,661	8,237	6.4	128,662	120,332	8,330	6.5	127,469	118,155	9,314	7.3
MISSOURI	2,685,252	2,525,122	160,130	6.0	2,715,272	2,556,900	158,372	5.8	2,657,305	2,512,742	144,563	5.4
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
U.S. (000)	128,401	120,636	7,764	6.0	128,521	120,632	7,890	6.1	126,902	118,073	8,829	7.0
Missouri	2,681,876	2,533,409	148,467	5.5	2,707,569	2,559,443	148,126	5.5	2,650,665	2,511,192	139,473	5.3
St. Louis MSA	1,265,855	1,200,092	65,763	5.2	1,266,919	1,199,889	67,030	5.3	1,267,059	1,198,571	68,488	5.4
Kansas City MSA	877,006	836,079	40,927	4.7	878,549	837,659	40,890	4.7	863,625	824,445	39,180	4.5
Springfield MSA	142,395	136,258	6,137	4.3	142,078	135,950	6,128	4.3	137,390	131,599	5,791	4.2
Joplin MSA	77,939	74,333	3,606	4.6	78,300	74,633	3,667	4.7	76,653	73,168	3,485	4.5
Columbia MSA	74,906	72,735	2,171	2.9	75,475	73,215	2,260	3.0	73,625	71,615	2,010	2.7
St. Joseph MSA	43,586	40,603	2,983	6.8	43,971	40,930	3,041	6.9	43,358	41,068	2,290	5.3
Marion/Ralls LMA	19,597	18,577	1,020	5.2	19,915	18,976	939	4.7	18,754	17,758	996	5.3
Cole/Osage LMA	44,922	43,193	1,729	3.8	45,224	43,513	1,711	3.8	43,469	41,872	1,597	3.7
Adair/Schuyler LMA	15,500	14,835	665	4.3	15,560	14,985	575	3.7	14,335	13,760	575	4.0
COUNTIES:												
Andrew	6,665	6,215	450	6.8	6,829	6,389	440	6.4	7,112	6,761	351	4.9
Atchison	2,703	2,593	110	4.1	2,845	2,722	123	4.3	2,969	2,824	145	4.9
Audrain	10,897	10,290	607	5.6	11,018	10,526	492	4.5	10,570	9,991	579	5.5
Barry	14,254	13,410	844	5.9	14,472	13,672	800	5.5	14,080	13,397	683	4.9
Barton	6,196	5,983	213	3.4	6,368	6,127	241	3.8	5,850	5,629	221	3.8
Bates	6,568	6,073	495	7.5	6,647	6,134	513	7.7	6,613	6,196	417	6.3
Benton	5,432	4,959	473	8.7	5,544	5,095	449	8.1	5,592	5,073	519	9.3
Bollinger	4,036	3,738	298	7.4	4,178	3,847	331	7.9	4,209	3,915	294	7.0
Butler	18,401	17,167	1,234	6.7	18,599	17,288	1,311	7.0	17,704	16,545	1,159	6.5
Caldwell	3,068	2,844	224	7.3	3,183	2,963	220	6.9	3,260	2,977	283	8.7
Callaway	15,476	14,715	761	4.9	15,902	15,090	812	5.1	15,734	14,950	784	5.0
Camden	15,368	13,976	1,392	9.1	16,027	14,806	1,221	7.6	14,296	13,036	1,260	8.8
Cape Girardeau	36,954	35,496	1,458	3.9	38,249	36,650	1,599	4.2	36,606	35,303	1,303	3.6
Carroll	4,326	3,934	392	9.1	4,478	4,093	385	8.6	4,285	3,910	375	8.8
Carter	2,116	1,876	240	11.3	2,146	1,907	239	11.1	1,999	1,829	170	8.5
Cedar	4,551	4,314	237	5.2	4,741	4,509	232	4.9	4,500	4,251	249	5.5
Chariton	4,101	3,817	284	6.9	4,241	3,931	310	7.3	4,311	4,062	249	5.8
Clark	3,715	3,481	234	6.3	3,980	3,731	249	6.3	4,022	3,887	135	3.4
Clinton	7,583	7,130	453	6.0	7,669	7,243	426	5.6	7,896	7,386	510	6.5
Cooper	7,323	6,804	519	7.1	7,654	7,214	440	5.7	7,416	6,888	528	7.1
Crawford	11,071	10,227	844	7.6	11,300	10,460	840	7.4	10,057	9,291	766	7.6
Dade	3,049	2,896	153	5.0	3,146	2,975	171	5.4	3,089	2,909	180	5.8
Dallas	4,226	3,810	416	9.8	4,354	3,918	436	10.0	4,138	3,745	393	9.5
Daviess	3,621	3,381	240	6.6	3,751	3,529	222	5.9	3,681	3,433	248	6.7
DeKalb	4,187	3,955	232	5.5	4,256	4,034	222	5.2	4,199	3,980	219	5.2
Dent	6,436	5,960	476	7.4	6,751	6,247	504	7.5	6,183	5,742	441	7.1
Douglas	4,904	4,557	347	7.1	4,922	4,628	294	6.0	4,523	4,252	271	6.0
Dunklin	13,800	12,632	1,168	8.5	14,063	12,920	1,143	8.1	13,271	12,177	1,094	8.2
Gasconade	7,163	6,747	416	5.8	7,347	6,928	419	5.7	7,652	7,142	510	6.7
Gentry	2,773	2,654	119	4.3	2,910	2,763	147	5.1	2,826	2,695	131	4.6
Grundy	5,257	4,971	286	5.4	5,427	5,159	268	4.9	5,220	4,902	318	6.1
Harrison	4,210	4,007	203	4.8	4,350	4,194	156	3.6	4,253	4,061	192	4.5
Henry	8,488	7,869	619	7.3	8,658	8,028	630	7.3	8,489	7,859	630	7.4
Hickory	2,754	2,539	215	7.8	2,938	2,704	234	8.0	2,820	2,608	212	7.5
Holt	2,245	2,124	121	5.4	2,453	2,302	151	6.2	2,212	2,083	129	5.8

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates *(Continued)*

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Howard	4,523	4,312	211	4.7	4,488	4,271	217	4.8	4,540	4,301	239	5.3
Howell	15,705	14,713	992	6.3	15,921	14,932	989	6.2	14,934	14,014	920	6.2
Iron	2,714	2,324	390	14.4	2,708	2,330	378	14.0	2,583	2,212	371	14.4
Johnson	21,110	20,178	932	4.4	21,350	20,546	804	3.8	20,687	19,758	929	4.5
Knox	1,695	1,574	121	7.1	1,786	1,660	126	7.1	1,706	1,599	107	6.3
Laclede	13,199	12,234	965	7.3	13,396	12,423	973	7.3	12,845	11,890	955	7.4
Lawrence	13,893	12,935	958	6.9	14,234	13,314	920	6.5	14,405	13,544	861	6.0
Lewis	4,900	4,623	277	5.7	4,938	4,663	275	5.6	4,836	4,565	271	5.6
Lincoln	14,211	13,038	1,173	8.3	14,509	13,321	1,188	8.2	14,355	13,371	984	6.9
Linn	6,857	6,196	661	9.6	6,941	6,120	821	11.8	6,764	6,197	567	8.4
Livingston	6,890	6,522	368	5.3	6,966	6,602	364	5.2	6,700	6,410	290	4.3
McDonald	9,790	9,414	376	3.8	9,909	9,511	398	4.0	10,093	9,723	370	3.7
Macon	8,441	7,859	582	6.9	8,934	8,397	537	6.0	8,618	8,087	531	6.2
Madison	4,429	4,010	419	9.5	4,500	4,091	409	9.1	4,117	3,652	465	11.3
Maries	3,598	3,341	257	7.1	3,895	3,639	256	6.6	4,114	3,748	366	8.9
Mercer	1,776	1,652	124	7.0	1,745	1,653	92	5.3	1,458	1,356	102	7.0
Miller	8,772	7,644	1,128	12.9	8,884	7,909	975	11.0	8,702	7,645	1,057	12.1
Mississippi	6,797	6,181	616	9.1	7,006	6,372	634	9.0	6,565	5,838	727	11.1
Moniteau	6,388	5,991	397	6.2	6,489	6,080	409	6.3	6,706	6,306	400	6.0
Monroe	4,878	4,652	226	4.6	5,090	4,846	244	4.8	4,909	4,664	245	5.0
Montgomery	5,221	4,874	347	6.6	5,334	4,991	343	6.4	4,919	4,621	298	6.1
Morgan	7,376	6,773	603	8.2	7,571	7,012	559	7.4	7,244	6,616	628	8.7
New Madrid	9,457	8,684	773	8.2	9,656	8,910	746	7.7	9,934	9,213	721	7.3
Nodaway	11,434	10,908	526	4.6	11,550	11,235	315	2.7	11,702	11,251	451	3.9
Oregon	3,791	3,560	231	6.1	4,049	3,793	256	6.3	3,873	3,590	283	7.3
Ozark	3,450	3,177	273	7.9	3,586	3,366	220	6.1	3,340	3,140	200	6.0
Pemiscot	8,549	7,712	837	9.8	9,029	8,215	814	9.0	9,039	8,222	817	9.0
Perry	10,759	10,294	465	4.3	10,572	9,987	585	5.5	10,777	10,343	434	4.0
Pettis	19,563	18,214	1,349	6.9	19,807	18,563	1,244	6.3	18,826	17,645	1,181	6.3
Phelps	17,421	16,503	918	5.3	17,377	16,520	857	4.9	17,227	16,377	850	4.9
Pike	7,408	6,871	537	7.2	7,665	7,123	542	7.1	7,551	7,066	485	6.4
Polk	12,252	11,697	555	4.5	12,291	11,690	601	4.9	11,676	11,197	479	4.1
Pulaski	12,961	11,914	1,047	8.1	13,170	12,108	1,062	8.1	13,170	12,264	906	6.9
Putnam	2,029	1,932	97	4.8	2,095	2,007	88	4.2	2,077	1,980	97	4.7
Randolph	10,989	10,281	708	6.4	11,000	10,276	724	6.6	10,580	9,919	661	6.2
Reynolds	2,263	2,066	197	8.7	2,290	2,099	191	8.3	2,220	2,022	198	8.9
Ripley	4,577	4,161	416	9.1	4,784	4,351	433	9.1	4,374	3,972	402	9.2
St. Clair	3,626	3,374	252	6.9	3,699	3,460	239	6.5	3,519	3,282	237	6.7
Ste. Genevieve	6,889	6,471	418	6.1	7,049	6,609	440	6.2	6,360	6,007	353	5.6
St. Francois	23,087	21,191	1,896	8.2	23,216	21,307	1,909	8.2	22,068	20,523	1,545	7.0
Saline	10,960	10,384	576	5.3	11,109	10,539	570	5.1	10,424	9,806	618	5.9
Scotland	2,258	2,153	105	4.7	2,360	2,249	111	4.7	2,211	2,102	109	4.9
Scott	18,023	16,755	1,268	7.0	18,303	17,007	1,296	7.1	18,026	16,737	1,289	7.2
Shannon	3,325	3,065	260	7.8	3,485	3,180	305	8.8	3,402	3,114	288	8.5
Shelby	3,504	3,338	166	4.7	3,635	3,483	152	4.2	3,504	3,320	184	5.3
Stoddard	13,394	12,250	1,144	8.5	13,555	12,471	1,084	8.0	13,636	12,569	1,067	7.8
Stone	10,330	8,991	1,339	13.0	10,660	9,513	1,147	10.8	8,351	7,323	1,028	12.3
Sullivan	3,593	3,411	182	5.1	3,647	3,524	123	3.4	3,617	3,482	135	3.7
Taney	22,442	20,322	2,120	9.4	24,333	22,584	1,749	7.2	17,045	15,424	1,621	9.5
Texas	8,904	7,838	1,066	12.0	9,151	8,077	1,074	11.7	9,109	8,144	965	10.6
Vernon	8,503	8,100	403	4.7	8,738	8,317	421	4.8	8,818	8,401	417	4.7
Warren	10,019	9,246	773	7.7	10,415	9,667	748	7.2	10,229	9,616	613	6.0
Washington	6,352	5,450	902	14.2	6,403	5,509	894	14.0	6,510	5,657	853	13.1
Wayne	4,790	4,122	668	13.9	4,831	4,195	636	13.2	4,940	4,404	536	10.9
Webster	10,766	10,071	695	6.5	11,019	10,279	740	6.7	10,422	9,697	725	7.0
Worth	1,146	1,064	82	7.2	1,175	1,114	61	5.2	1,139	1,063	76	6.7
Wright	7,707	7,155	552	7.2	7,757	7,258	499	6.4	6,905	6,484	421	6.1

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri unemployment was unchanged in December, remaining at 5.5 percent of the labor force. About 148,500 Missourians were estimated to have been jobless in the month.

Total employment was down fairly sharply in December, slipping by about 26,000 to 2,533,400. This probably represents a continuation of the irregular movements which have marred this data series in the past few years. At least the current estimates have been showing over-the-year growth since about September. During the prior nine months, the total employment estimates had been showing over-the-year employment losses, which was inconsistent with other data.

Payroll employment, on the other hand, seems to be accelerating. Employment was up by 6,300 jobs in December, a month which usually experiences a small seasonal dip. Manufacturing employment grew by 1,800 jobs, the best performance in more than a year, as most reported industries gained jobs. Construction employment was down seasonally in December, while retail trade experienced about the usual seasonal increase. Government employment was up by 2,100 jobs, while services employment did not show the usual seasonal dip. Job losses totaling 4,300 in the transportation equipment industries in the past 12 months kept manufacturing employment from exceeding its year-earlier level. Most other sectors were up over the year, including Services (22,900 jobs); Government (11,100 jobs); Construction (8,400 jobs); Retail Trade (5,000 jobs); Transportation and Utilities (3,400 jobs); and Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (2,000 jobs). Total payroll employment is now 51,000 jobs higher than a year ago, a very strong performance.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, payroll employment has grown by more than 40,000 since its recent low in August. The current seasonally adjusted level is about 68,000 above the recession low point reached in April 1991 and 17,000 higher than the prerecession peak reached in June 1990.

The factory workweek climbed to 42.4 hours, a figure reached only once before in the past 22 years. Average hourly hours of manufacturing production workers increased by 21 cents to $11.77. Weekly average earnings of $499.05 were 3.4 percent higher than a year ago. In the private service-producing sector, the workweek increased by four-tenths of an hour from November to 32.8. Average hourly earnings of $9.35 were little changed from November, while the weekly figure of $306.68 was 3.9 percent higher than a year ago.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

The economy grew at a surprisingly strong 5.9 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter, according to the latest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data. Solid growth in the quarter had been expected, but the current estimate represents the economy's best performance in six years. For the calendar year, GDP was up 2.9 percent, compared to 2.6 percent in 1992. Another encouraging sign in the data was the evidence that inflation is remaining in check. Sectors dependent on low interest rates seemed to show the best growth.

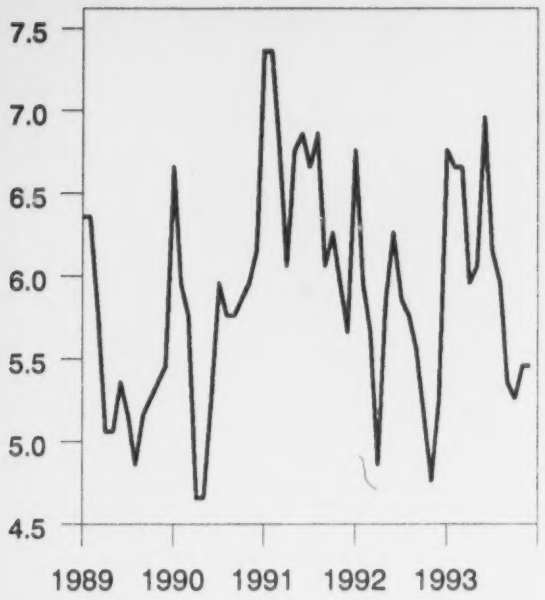
National labor markets continued to show signs of improvement in December. The unemployment rate edged down a tenth of a point to 6.4 percent, seasonally adjusted, while payroll employment grew by 183,00 jobs. This employment growth was concentrated in the service-producing sector, where all major industry groups had job growth. In the goods-producing sector, employment in both construction and manufacturing held steady following gains in the two previous months. The factory workweek and overtime remained at the high levels reached in November. Over the past year, the unemployment rate has fallen by nine-tenths of a point, while payroll employment grew by nearly 2 million jobs.

Outlook

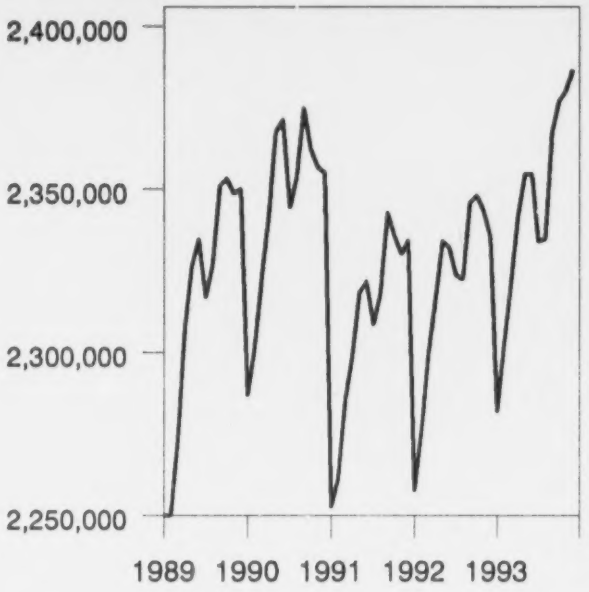
With the economy finishing strong in 1993, continued growth is expected. Although it is assumed that the fourth quarter's high rate of growth cannot be sustained, analysts' expectations for the future may be raised somewhat. The government's index of leading economic indicators posted its largest increase in a year in December. Consumers' sentiments — and spending — also seem to reflect a belief in an improving economy. The California earthquake and unusually bad winter weather could slightly dampen growth, however.

A sharp increase in unemployment and falling employment is the norm for January. These conditions usually persist in February before starting to improve in March. More solid seasonal improvement follows in April.

Missouri Unemployment Rate



Missouri Payroll Employment



Explanatory Notes

All data in this publication are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Data. Labor force data are estimates of the number of people who are either employed or unemployed, on a place-of-residence basis. Data for 1993 are preliminary, while 1992 data are benchmarked.

- Total Employment represents the number of employed civilians, including self-employment and agricultural employment.
- Unemployment represents the number of people who are not employed but are looking for work.
- Civilian Labor Force is the sum of employment and unemployment.
- Unemployment Rate is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data are place-of-work estimates of the number of jobs, based on a survey of establishments. The data have been adjusted to the March 1992 benchmark. Data are available for all employees on nonfarm payrolls, for the number of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonfarm payrolls, and for average hours and earnings of production workers. Seasonally adjusted employment data for major industry groups are published for Missouri.

Areas. Labor Market Reviews cover the state and its three largest metropolitan areas. MSA definitions are those in effect prior to December 31, 1992.

- The St. Louis MSA includes the City of St. Louis plus St. Louis, Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Charles counties in Missouri and Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois.
- The Kansas City MSA includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas.
- The Springfield MSA includes Greene and Christian counties.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Missouri (Statewide)

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Dec. 1993[P]	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,369,700	2,360,100	2,319,400	9,600	50,300
MINING	4,300	4,300	4,700	0	-400
CONSTRUCTION	100,600	99,600	92,300	1,000	8,300
MANUFACTURING	403,300	403,700	405,800	-400	-2,500
DURABLE GOODS	214,300	215,300	217,500	-1,000	-3,200
NONDURABLE GOODS	189,000	188,400	188,300	600	700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	152,800	152,900	149,400	-100	3,400
TRADE	558,200	557,400	552,500	800	5,700
WHOLESALE TRADE	138,500	138,200	137,700	300	800
RETAIL TRADE	419,700	419,200	414,800	500	4,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	138,600	138,600	136,600	0	2,000
SERVICES	626,600	622,400	603,800	4,200	22,800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	385,300	381,200	374,300	4,100	11,000
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,386,600	2,380,300	2,335,600	6,300	51,000
GOODS PRODUCING	510,000	509,900	504,200	100	5,800
MINING	4,300	4,400	4,700	-100	-400
CONSTRUCTION	99,600	101,200	91,200	-1,600	8,400
General Building Contractors	25,500	25,900	23,400	-400	2,100
Heavy Construction	11,900	12,600	10,800	-700	1,100
Special Trade Contractors	62,200	62,700	57,000	-500	5,200
MANUFACTURING	406,100	404,300	408,300	1,800	-2,200
DURABLE GOODS	216,700	215,700	219,600	1,000	-2,900
Lumber & Wood Products	11,100	11,100	11,000	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	13,900	13,600	13,600	300	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,300	10,400	10,000	-100	300
Primary Metal Industries	11,000	10,900	11,100	100	-100
Fabricated Metal Products	32,500	32,300	32,700	200	-200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	33,000	32,800	31,800	200	1,200
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	31,000	31,100	30,000	-100	1,000
Transportation Equipment	55,700	55,300	60,000	400	-4,300
Motor vehicles & equipment	24,700	24,500	26,100	200	-1,400
Aircraft & parts	25,600	25,600	28,000	0	-2,400
Instruments & Related Products	10,600	10,500	11,700	100	-1,100
NONDURABLE GOODS	189,400	188,600	188,700	800	700
Food & Kindred Products	50,000	50,000	49,000	0	1,000
Beverages	9,300	9,300	9,200	0	100
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	23,400	23,300	22,700	100	700
Paper & Allied Products	14,000	13,800	14,000	200	0
Printing & Publishing	43,000	42,600	43,000	400	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	28,800	28,700	29,400	100	-600
Leather & Leather Products	10,800	10,700	11,400	100	-600
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,876,600	1,870,400	1,831,400	6,200	45,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	1,484,000	1,479,900	1,449,900	4,100	34,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	153,900	154,200	150,500	-300	3,400
Railroad Transportation	8,600	8,600	8,800	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	50,300	50,500	48,500	-200	1,800
Transportation by Air	17,600	17,500	16,500	100	1,100
Communications	35,000	35,200	35,600	-200	-600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Service	20,200	20,300	20,500	-100	-300
TRADE	569,700	565,800	563,900	3,900	5,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	139,900	139,900	139,100	0	800
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	79,000	78,900	78,900	100	100
Motor vehicles, parts & supplies	12,400	12,300	12,300	100	100
Lumber & construction materials	4,700	4,800	4,400	-100	300
Professional & commercial equipment	13,700	13,700	14,700	0	-1,000
Electrical goods	8,900	8,900	8,700	0	200
Hardware, plumbing & heating equipment	6,700	6,700	6,200	0	500
Machinery, equipment & supplies	18,500	18,400	18,000	100	500
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	60,900	61,000	60,200	-100	700
Groceries & related	18,000	18,000	18,100	0	-100
Petroleum & petroleum products	4,700	4,800	4,900	-100	-200
Beer, wine & distilled beverages	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	429,800	425,900	424,800	3,900	5,000
Building materials & garden supplies	18,200	18,200	17,600	0	600
General merchandise stores	62,500	60,800	60,500	1,700	2,000
Food stores	61,900	61,400	60,700	500	1,200
Automotive dealers/service stations	52,500	52,600	50,800	-100	1,700
Apparel & accessory stores	24,100	23,400	24,500	700	-400
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	16,100	15,700	15,700	400	400
Eating & drinking places	149,800	150,600	149,200	-800	600

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment *(Continued)* — Missouri (Statewide)

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Dec. 1993P	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	139,000	138,600	137,000	400	2,000
Depository Institutions	46,300	46,100	45,400	200	900
Nondepository Institutions	8,900	8,900	8,300	0	600
Security & Commodity Brokers	14,400	14,200	12,900	200	1,500
Insurance Carriers	30,000	30,000	30,800	0	-800
Insurance Agents, Brokers	13,200	13,100	13,300	100	-100
Real Estate	22,100	22,200	22,000	-100	100
Holding & Other Investment Offices	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
SERVICES	621,400	621,300	598,500	100	22,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	26,000	27,100	26,800	-1,100	-800
Personal Services	28,000	27,300	26,000	700	2,000
Business Services	103,100	102,600	98,300	500	4,800
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	20,900	20,600	19,700	300	1,200
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	25,100	26,900	22,700	-1,800	2,400
Health Services	213,200	212,100	206,800	1,100	6,400
Hospitals (private)	101,400	101,200	100,100	200	1,300
Legal Services	15,000	14,900	14,700	100	300
Educational Services (private)	45,500	45,600	43,400	-100	2,100
Social Services	45,100	44,700	42,900	400	2,200
Membership Organizations	45,400	45,200	44,700	200	700
Engineering & Management Services	36,500	36,200	35,600	300	900
Agricultural Services	9,300	9,900	9,000	-600	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	392,600	390,500	381,500	2,100	11,100
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	69,200	68,400	69,800	800	-600
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	95,600	94,900	93,500	700	2,100
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	227,800	227,200	218,200	600	9,600

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Missouri (Statewide)

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	366,600	367,100	357,000	41.3	40.1	41.0	$12.92	$12.67	$12.44	$533.60	$508.07	$510.04
CONSTRUCTION	78,800	81,400	70,800	37.0	34.3	35.2	17.67	17.40	17.37	653.79	596.82	611.42
MANUFACTURING	284,400	282,200	282,700	42.4	41.7	42.4	11.77	11.56	11.38	499.05	482.05	482.51
DURABLE GOODS	151,400	150,300	152,900	43.4	42.0	43.1	12.50	12.35	12.48	542.50	518.70	537.89
Lumber & Wood Products	8,800	8,800	8,600	38.1	37.7	38.9	8.16	8.02	7.75	310.90	302.35	301.47
Furniture & Fixtures	10,800	10,500	10,700	41.8	42.2	42.3	9.01	9.10	9.02	376.62	384.02	381.55
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	7,900	8,000	7,900	45.4	42.9	40.7	12.45	12.47	11.91	565.23	534.96	484.74
Primary Metal Industries	8,200	8,200	8,500	45.6	45.0	45.5	12.88	12.81	13.03	587.33	576.45	592.87
Fabricated Metal Products	22,800	22,600	22,600	44.0	42.9	42.3	12.11	12.15	11.88	532.84	521.24	502.52
Industrial Machinery & Equip	23,200	23,000	22,000	43.7	42.2	42.0	11.59	11.43	11.51	506.48	482.35	483.42
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	23,300	23,100	23,200	42.9	41.6	43.5	9.50	9.40	9.39	407.55	391.04	408.47
Transportation Equipment	35,800	35,600	37,500	45.1	42.5	45.6	17.83	17.63	17.98	804.13	749.28	819.89
Motor vehicles & equipment	21,400	21,300	22,600	46.5	43.2	47.0	18.43	18.14	17.86	857.00	783.65	839.42
Instruments & Related Prods	4,700	4,700	5,800	41.8	39.8	42.6	10.98	10.78	11.05	458.96	429.04	470.73
NONDURABLE GOODS	133,000	131,900	129,800	41.3	41.3	41.7	10.91	10.64	10.04	450.58	439.43	418.67
Food & Kindred Products	37,600	37,800	37,200	40.1	42.2	40.4	10.85	10.65	10.28	435.08	449.43	415.31
Beverages	3,600	3,700	3,900	37.8	36.0	41.4	22.75	22.65	19.71	859.95	815.40	815.99
Textile Mill Prods & Apparel	20,900	20,700	19,600	34.6	34.7	37.4	7.58	7.05	6.78	262.27	244.64	253.57
Paper & Allied Products	11,500	11,200	11,600	43.9	44.1	43.2	11.38	11.24	10.93	499.58	495.68	472.18
Chemicals & Allied Products	14,900	14,700	13,300	49.6	49.6	49.7	15.13	14.84	13.11	750.45	736.06	651.57
Leather & Leather Products	9,900	9,800	10,400	39.2	35.8	39.7	7.48	7.37	6.89	293.22	263.85	273.53
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	1,233,700	1,227,900	1,197,000	32.8	32.4	32.6	9.35	9.32	9.05	306.68	301.97	295.03
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	117,900	117,200	113,300	38.3	38.4	39.0	12.89	12.92	12.56	493.69	496.13	489.84
TRADE	499,700	495,700	494,700	32.0	31.7	31.8	8.04	8.04	7.81	257.28	254.87	248.36
WHOLESALE TRADE	115,400	115,400	113,400	40.2	39.7	40.5	11.08	11.03	10.61	445.42	437.89	429.71
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	63,700	63,600	62,500	40.0	40.1	40.0	11.69	11.58	11.05	467.60	464.36	442.00
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	51,700	51,800	50,900	40.4	39.2	41.1	10.32	10.34	10.08	416.93	405.33	414.29
RETAIL TRADE	384,300	380,300	381,300	29.5	29.2	29.2	6.80	6.81	6.66	200.60	198.85	194.47
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	104,600	104,100	99,100	36.1	36.2	37.1	10.68	10.72	10.14	385.55	388.06	376.19
SERVICES	511,500	510,900	489,900	31.5	31.1	31.1	9.35	9.23	9.04	294.53	287.05	281.14

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Developments

The unemployment rate for the St. Louis MSA decreased slightly from a revised 5.3 percent in November to 5.2 percent in December, the lowest December rate since the 1970s. Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 3,400 jobs in December. Seasonal hiring for the holidays continued in retail trade, which added another 3,800 jobs. Construction employment was virtually unchanged from November, as a combination of mild weather and flood-related rebuilding prevented the normal seasonal job loss. Unemployment fell by 2,700 from December 1992 to December 1993; the unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in December 1992. Nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 13,200 over the year, with strong employment gains in services, retail trade, and construction reflecting an improved economy.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing added 300 jobs from November to December. Employment gains in electronic equipment and food and kindred products exceeded the small seasonal losses in fabricated metal products, industrial machinery, and stone, clay, and glass products. However, manufacturing employment still showed major losses over the year. Motor vehicles (down by 2,400) and aerospace (down by 2,200) continued to experience significant layoffs in 1993, with additional layoffs scheduled early in 1994. A plant closing cost 600 jobs in lumber and furniture, and 500 jobs were lost to corporate restructuring in the chemical industry. Electronics and food processing each added several hundred jobs during 1993.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 3,100 over the month. Gains were concentrated in retail trade, as employers anticipated strong holiday sales. Seasonal job losses occurred in transportation and in recreational services. Nonmanufacturing added almost 20,000 jobs over the year. Retail trade, construction, business services, and health services all showed substantial employment gains. Educational services and air transportation also had significant job gains.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

Seasonal and long-term economic trends will push employment down in January. The scheduled shutdown of a motor vehicle assembly plant, along with layoffs of seasonal workers in retail trade, may push the unemployment rate to 5.7 percent.

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Dec. 1993[P]	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	1,179,500	1,176,100	1,166,300	3,400	13,200
GOODS PRODUCING	244,700	244,500	248,000	200	-3,300
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	51,700	51,800	48,500	-100	3,200
General Building Contractors	12,100	11,800	11,100	300	1,000
Special Trade Contractors	32,700	32,500	30,400	200	2,300
MANUFACTURING	193,000	192,700	199,500	300	-6,500
DURABLE GOODS	114,200	114,200	120,500	0	-6,300
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	5,100	5,100	5,700	0	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2,500	2,600	2,700	-100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	12,700	12,700	12,600	0	100
Fabricated Metal Products	15,500	15,700	15,700	-200	-200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	17,200	17,300	17,400	-100	-200
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	10,600	10,300	10,200	300	400
Transportation Equipment	39,200	39,100	44,600	100	-5,400
Motor vehicles & equipment	12,000	11,900	14,400	100	-2,400
Aircraft & parts	24,400	24,400	26,600	0	-2,200
Instruments & Related Products	8,000	8,000	8,500	0	-500
NONDURABLE GOODS	78,800	78,500	79,000	300	-200
Food & Kindred Products	20,600	20,300	20,100	300	500
Beverages	8,400	8,400	8,200	0	200
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	0
Paper & Allied Products	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Printing & Publishing	17,100	17,100	17,300	0	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	18,200	18,200	18,700	0	-500
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Products	10,000	10,100	10,000	-100	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	934,800	931,600	918,300	3,200	16,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	782,700	779,600	767,900	3,100	14,800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	78,700	79,000	77,600	-300	1,100
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,700	28,800	28,900	-100	-200
Railroad Transportation	4,900	4,900	5,000	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	19,300	19,500	19,200	-200	100
Transportation by Air	11,000	10,900	10,200	100	800
TRADE	288,300	284,500	283,200	3,800	5,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	67,200	67,200	67,000	0	200
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	40,800	40,700	40,600	100	200
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	26,400	26,500	26,400	-100	0
RETAIL TRADE	221,100	217,300	216,200	3,800	4,900
Building materials & garden supplies	8,000	8,000	7,800	0	200
General merchandise stores	33,700	32,300	33,600	1,400	100
Food stores	33,100	32,100	31,800	1,000	1,300
Automotive dealers/service stations	21,200	21,100	20,600	100	600
Apparel & accessory stores	14,500	14,400	14,800	100	-300
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	9,900	9,600	9,000	300	900
Eating & drinking places	76,600	76,700	74,700	-100	1,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	73,600	73,400	73,300	200	300
Depository Institutions	22,900	22,800	22,700	100	200
Nondepository Institutions	7,000	7,000	6,400	0	600
Insurance Carriers	16,200	16,200	16,700	0	-500
Insurance Agents, Brokers	6,600	6,600	6,700	0	-100
Real Estate	11,600	11,400	11,400	200	200
SERVICES	342,100	342,700	333,800	-600	8,300
Personal Services	15,400	15,400	15,200	0	200
Business Services	61,600	61,600	59,400	0	2,200
Auto Repair, Services, Parking	11,500	11,400	10,900	100	600
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	13,200	13,900	13,700	-700	-500
Health Services	112,500	112,300	110,600	200	1,900
Hospitals (private)	58,800	58,900	58,900	-100	-100
Legal Services	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
Educational Services (private)	34,100	34,000	32,800	100	1,300
Social Services	20,800	20,800	20,000	0	800
Membership Organizations	21,000	21,000	20,100	0	900
Engineering & Management Services	22,400	22,400	21,900	0	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	152,100	152,000	150,400	100	1,700
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	36,300	36,000	36,400	300	-100
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	20,000	19,800	19,700	200	300
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	95,800	96,200	94,300	-400	1,500

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — St. Louis MSA

Industry	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	158,500	158,700	160,300	42.3	39.7	41.6	$15.23	$14.83	$14.71	$644.23	$588.75	$611.94
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	40,100	40,500	37,100	36.9	31.8	34.2	19.50	19.23	19.03	719.55	611.51	650.83
MANUFACTURING	118,400	118,200	123,200	44.2	42.4	43.9	14.03	13.70	13.70	620.13	580.88	601.43
DURABLE GOODS	70,700	70,800	76,300	45.0	42.8	43.4	14.64	14.43	14.69	658.80	617.60	637.55
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,600	3,600	4,200	41.8	45.1	43.1	9.60	9.57	10.30	401.28	431.61	443.93
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	1,800	1,900	1,900	42.1	44.1	41.0	12.77	12.96	12.15	537.62	571.54	498.15
Primary Metal Industries	9,300	9,400	9,300	50.0	46.3	45.2	13.80	13.75	14.14	690.00	636.63	639.13
Fabricated Metal Products	11,500	11,700	11,800	44.5	42.2	43.2	14.14	13.98	13.31	629.23	589.96	574.99
Industrial Machinery & Equip	10,800	10,800	11,300	44.3	42.8	44.8	12.76	12.67	13.18	565.27	542.28	590.46
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	6,800	6,600	6,600	43.5	43.1	40.9	9.68	9.67	9.85	421.08	416.78	402.87
Transportation Equipment	21,200	21,100	25,200	45.7	41.8	43.7	19.61	19.50	19.17	896.18	815.10	837.73
Motor vehicles & equipment	10,500	10,400	12,700	47.1	40.8	43.4	19.19	19.06	18.77	903.85	777.65	814.62
Instruments & Related Prods	3,400	3,400	3,700	41.5	40.5	41.6	12.48	12.25	12.37	517.92	496.13	514.59
NONDURABLE GOODS	47,700	47,400	46,900	42.9	41.7	44.5	13.07	12.57	12.12	560.70	524.17	539.34
Food & Kindred Products	13,500	13,200	12,700	38.7	38.1	41.1	14.68	14.73	14.12	568.12	561.21	580.33
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	5,700	5,600	5,500	37.4	37.6	39.9	10.58	7.72	7.58	395.69	290.27	302.44
Paper & Allied Products	4,600	4,700	4,700	48.2	47.8	45.7	12.24	12.17	11.72	589.97	581.73	535.60
Printing & Publishing	10,500	10,400	10,800	45.0	41.5	43.7	12.95	12.75	12.17	582.75	529.13	531.83
Chemicals & Allied Products	6,300	6,300	6,200	49.5	49.1	57.8	14.77	13.72	12.24	731.12	673.65	707.47
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Prds	7,100	7,100	6,900	42.5	41.3	43.4	11.09	11.16	12.04	471.33	460.91	522.54
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	643,200	640,000	630,600	32.5	31.8	32.4	10.06	10.08	9.77	326.95	320.54	316.55
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	61,100	61,300	59,600	38.5	37.7	39.3	13.75	13.72	14.12	529.38	517.24	554.92
TRADE	253,900	249,900	251,300	31.8	31.2	31.5	8.99	9.03	8.62	285.88	281.74	271.53
WHOLESALE TRADE	55,300	55,200	55,400	40.4	40.1	39.8	12.25	12.06	11.75	494.90	483.61	467.65
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	33,500	33,400	33,400	40.6	40.3	40.0	11.97	11.86	11.32	485.98	477.96	452.80
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	21,800	21,800	22,000	40.1	39.7	39.4	12.69	12.37	12.42	508.87	491.09	489.35
RETAIL TRADE	198,600	194,700	195,900	29.4	28.7	29.1	7.74	7.83	7.41	227.56	224.72	215.63
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	52,400	52,200	51,900	35.6	35.9	35.8	10.40	10.42	10.05	370.24	374.08	359.79
SERVICES	275,800	276,600	267,800	31.3	30.3	31.1	9.98	9.98	9.59	312.37	302.39	298.25

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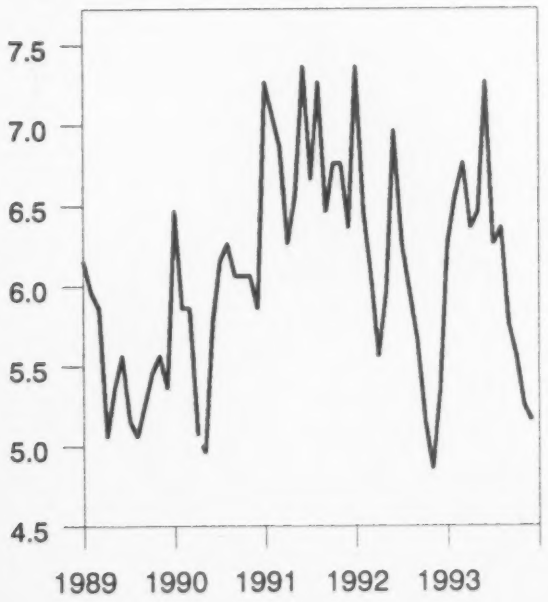
St. Louis MSA Unemployment Rate



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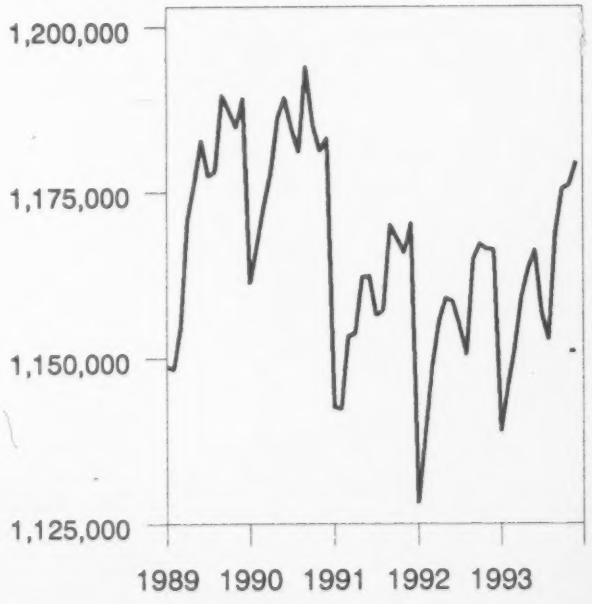

Kansas City Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Conditions

The Kansas City metropolitan area's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.7 percent of the labor force in December, the lowest rate this year. Following the climb to the year's high point of 6.0 percent in June, the area's unemployment rate has shown a steady five-month decline totaling 1.3 percentage points. Despite this current improvement, the rate is two-tenths of a percentage point above the December 1992 rate. Moreover, preliminary estimates indicate the average annual unemployment rate for 1993 was 5.2 percent, three-tenths of a percentage point higher than the 4.9 percent 1992 average annual rate. The number of unemployed was also virtually unchanged over the month, at 40,900 persons, but increased by 1,700 person from the December 1992 level of 39,200.

Total employment showed a decline of 1,600 person in December, but was higher than a year earlier by 11,700 persons. The area's civilian labor force showed a similar decline of 1,600 over the month, but expanded by 13,400 over the past 12 months. Overall the area's labor force in 1993 has averaged about 3,200 more persons than in 1992, while the average annual total employment figures show only a slight increase.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment edged up by another 1,300 jobs in December to a total of 802,600 jobs. Since its most recent low point in August, nonfarm payroll employment has grown by 13,500 jobs; since December 1992, the gain has been 15,200. Preliminary estimates of the average annual nonfarm payroll job growth in 1993, show a gain of 9,800 jobs, a 1.3 percentage increase in jobs over the 1992 figures. Gains over the month were concentrated primarily in retail trade and in transportation, communications, and utilities, although modest gains in durable goods manufacturing also contributed to the over-the-month increase.

Retail trade added 1,500 jobs over the month, mainly in general merchandise, apparel, and food stores. The earlier-than-usual hiring in many retail industries that began during the normal October slump may have helped to boost retail employment to a peak 146,200 jobs in December, despite the smaller-than-average monthly increase. Over the year, retail trade has added 2,000 jobs, with gains in nearly every industry, especially eating and drinking, automotive, and furniture stores.

Transportation, communications, and utilities added 600 jobs, attributed primarily to an increase in communications and utilities. Over the year, the industry has gained 2,200 jobs, nearly half in trucking and warehousing.

Manufacturing, which had been slipping for the past two months, added a modest 300 jobs for a total of 102,000 jobs. Employment increased in transportation equipment, industrial machinery, food, and paper, while most of the remaining industries held steady. Several industries, notably transportation equipment; industrial machinery; and stone, clay and glass, have shown advances over the year. However, losses in chemicals, printing and publishing, food, and fabricated metal products contributed to overall manufacturing employment remaining in a slump, with 800 fewer jobs in December 1993 than in December 1992.

Finance, insurance, and real estate also added 300 jobs over the month and has gained 2,000 jobs since December 1992, almost exclusively in the nonbanking component of the industry.

Government employment was virtually unchanged in December at 126,900. Seasonal gains in federal government were offset by temporary losses in local government, as area schools closed for the holiday break. Over the year, local government contributed 1,400 of the total 1,600 jobs gained in government.

The bulk of the losses over the month were seasonal losses in construction (1,100 jobs) and services (600 jobs). Despite these monthly losses, both industries showed significant improvement over the year. The services industry, led by business, amusement, and education, added the largest number of jobs, 5,800. The construction industry gained 2,200 jobs, a 7.0 percent increase over the year.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Unemployment is expected to show its most dramatic increase in January. Seasonal loses are expected in retail trade, the services and construction industries.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Kansas City MSA

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Dec. 1993[P]	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	802,600	801,300	787,400	1,300	15,200
GOODS PRODUCING	135,500	136,300	134,100	-800	1,400
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	33,500	34,600	31,300	-1,100	2,200
General Building Contractors	6,300	6,500	5,900	-200	400
Special Trade Contractors	22,400	22,900	20,800	-500	1,600
MANUFACTURING	102,000	101,700	102,800	300	-800
DURABLE GOODS	47,800	47,400	47,300	400	500
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,400	3,400	3,100	0	300
Fabricated Metal Products	11,900	11,900	12,600	0	-700
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	7,200	7,100	7,000	100	200
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	7,300	7,300	7,400	0	-100
Transportation Equipment	8,600	8,400	7,800	200	800
NONDURABLE GOODS	54,200	54,300	55,500	-100	-1,300
Food & Kindred Products	7,800	7,700	7,900	100	-100
Paper & Allied Products	6,200	6,100	6,200	100	0
Printing & Publishing	21,800	21,900	22,100	-100	-300
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,400	9,400	10,200	0	-800
SERVICE PRODUCING	667,100	665,000	653,300	2,100	13,800
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	540,200	538,200	528,000	2,000	12,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65,900	65,300	63,700	600	2,200
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	25,700	25,300	25,000	400	700
Railroad Transportation	4,500	4,600	4,500	-100	0
Trucking & Warehousing	20,300	20,200	19,300	100	1,000
Transportation by Air	6,900	6,900	6,600	0	300
TRADE	203,700	202,000	201,500	1,700	2,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	57,500	57,300	57,300	200	200
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	34,900	34,900	35,000	0	-100
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	22,600	22,400	22,300	200	300
RETAIL TRADE	146,200	144,700	144,200	1,500	2,000
Building materials & garden supplies	6,500	6,400	6,100	100	400
General merchandise stores	22,700	22,200	22,500	500	200
Food stores	20,300	20,100	19,900	200	400
Automotive dealers/service stations	16,100	16,200	15,200	-100	900
Apparel & accessory stores	6,400	6,200	6,500	200	-100
Furniture & homefurnishing stores	6,200	6,100	5,600	100	600
Eating & drinking places	51,000	50,900	49,500	100	1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	62,000	61,700	60,000	300	2,000
Depository Institutions	15,100	15,100	15,200	0	-100
SERVICES	208,600	209,200	202,800	-600	5,800
Personal Services	10,500	10,400	10,600	100	-100
Business Services	46,000	46,000	43,400	0	2,600
Automotive & miscellaneous repair services	8,600	8,500	8,600	100	0
Amusement & Recreation Services / Movie	10,200	10,500	9,000	-300	1,200
Health Services	60,600	60,700	60,600	-100	0
Legal Services	6,500	6,500	6,700	0	-200
Educational Services (private)	8,500	8,600	7,700	-100	800
Social Services	11,600	11,700	11,300	-100	300
Membership Organizations	13,500	13,500	13,100	0	400
Engineering & Management Services	19,400	19,500	19,300	-100	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	126,900	126,800	125,300	100	1,600
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	31,500	31,000	31,800	500	-300
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	18,800	18,600	18,300	200	500
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	76,600	77,200	75,200	-600	1,400

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Kansas City MSA

Industry	Production Workers			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	94,900	96,500	92,800	42.0	41.7	41.3	$14.82	$14.63	$14.17	$622.44	$610.07	$585.22
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	25,700	27,600	23,800	37.4	37.3	36.8	17.15	17.34	17.09	641.41	646.78	628.91
MANUFACTURING	69,200	68,900	69,000	43.7	43.5	42.8	14.07	13.70	13.31	614.86	595.95	569.67
DURABLE GOODS	33,900	33,600	32,900	45.1	44.4	43.9	15.01	14.84	14.27	676.95	658.90	626.45
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	2,500	2,400	2,400	41.9	42.0	42.0	9.31	9.41	9.11	390.09	395.22	382.62
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	2,700	2,700	2,500	38.6	39.6	35.7	12.40	12.55	12.81	478.64	496.98	457.32
Fabricated Metal Products	6,600	6,700	7,200	42.6	41.0	40.3	12.86	12.89	12.56	547.84	528.49	506.17
Industrial Machinery & Equip	5,000	5,000	4,700	43.3	42.6	41.9	12.94	12.41	12.41	560.30	528.67	519.98
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	5,300	5,400	5,300	42.9	42.0	43.6	13.61	13.57	12.15	583.87	569.94	529.74
Transportation Equipment	7,800	7,600	6,800	50.6	49.3	47.5	20.53	20.36	19.96	1,038.82	1,003.75	948.10
NONDURABLE GOODS	35,300	35,300	36,100	42.3	42.6	41.8	13.11	12.56	12.39	554.55	535.06	517.90
Food & Kindred Products	6,100	6,000	6,100	39.8	42.8	38.6	12.49	12.37	12.07	497.10	529.44	465.90
Paper & Allied Products	4,700	4,700	4,800	44.7	44.1	41.4	11.90	11.98	11.58	531.93	528.32	479.41
Chemicals & Allied Products	3,600	3,600	4,100	41.6	42.6	43.9	20.69	17.33	17.00	860.70	738.26	746.30
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	433,300	432,900	423,500	33.6	33.3	34.2	10.37	10.32	10.13	348.43	343.66	346.45
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	36,000	35,700	34,400	39.8	40.1	39.7	16.39	16.38	16.53	652.32	656.84	656.24
TRADE	175,000	173,900	172,200	31.6	31.3	32.9	8.34	8.36	8.46	263.54	261.67	278.33
WHOLESALE TRADE	46,800	46,700	46,500	38.1	38.9	41.3	11.31	11.25	11.31	430.91	437.63	467.10
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	28,400	28,400	28,300	39.0	39.4	40.5	11.68	11.65	11.30	455.52	459.01	457.65
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	18,400	18,300	18,200	36.7	38.1	42.6	10.70	10.60	11.34	392.69	403.86	483.08
RETAIL TRADE	128,200	127,200	125,700	29.2	28.6	29.8	6.92	6.91	7.00	202.06	197.63	208.60
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	48,700	48,400	46,700	38.6	38.1	41.1	10.92	10.88	10.91	421.51	414.53	448.40
SERVICES	173,600	174,900	170,200	33.0	32.6	32.6	10.66	10.51	10.00	351.78	342.63	326.00

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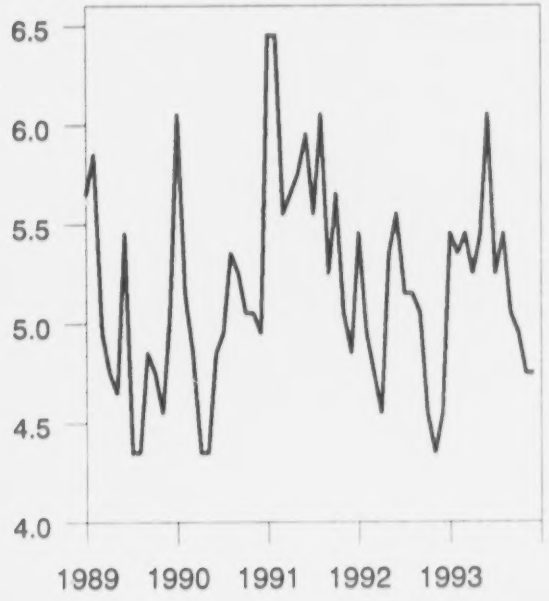
Kansas City MSA Unemployment Rate



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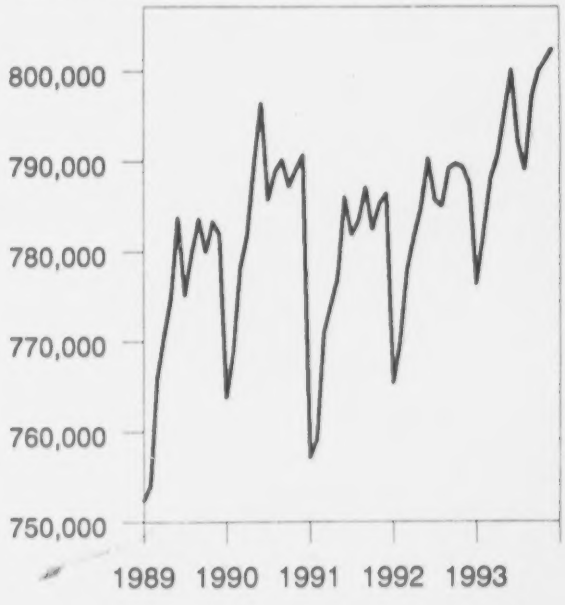

Springfield Labor Market Review

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Civilian Labor Force Employment and Unemployment

The December civilian labor force in the Springfield MSA increased by 300 from November to reach 142,400. The employment total was 136,300, a moderate increase of 300 from November. The number of unemployed persons remained at 6,100. The unemployment rate, at 4.3 percent, stayed the same as the November rate of 4.3 percent. During December 1992, there were 5,800 workers unemployed, and the unemployment rate was 4.2 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased 600 from November to reach 134,000 in December. The manufacturing sector had a slight decrease of 100 in durable goods while nondurable goods remained the same. Nonmanufacturing industries showing significant changes in employment levels since November included trade, up 300; transportation and public utilities, up 100; and government, up 200. The increase in trade reflected seasonal gains due to the Christmas season.

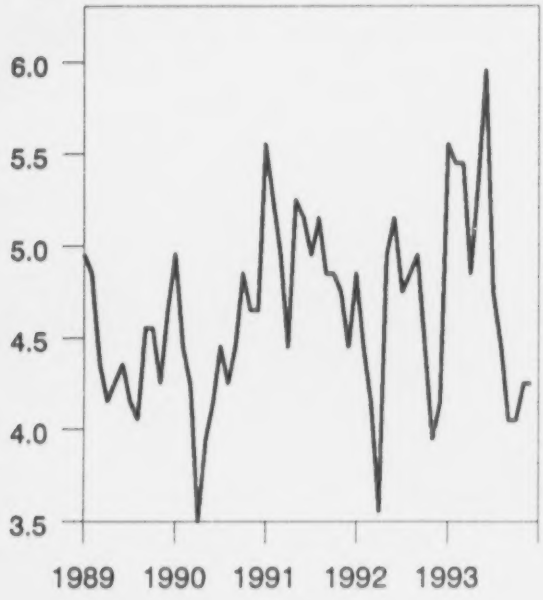
Hours and Earnings

The average weekly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers increased from $408.53 in November to $417.31 in December. The average factory work week was up 0.3 hours to 41.4 hours in December. Average hourly earnings increased fourteen cents to $10.08. In December 1992, average hourly earnings were $10.07.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payroll employment is expected to show a slight decrease during January. The hiring activity by retail trade establishments for the Christmas season will result in a decline in the trade industry, plus there will be job reductions in construction and mining.

Springfield MSA Unemployment Rate



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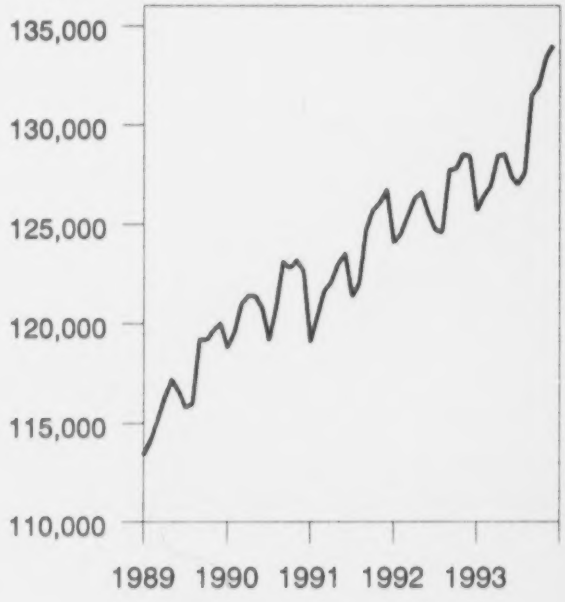

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment — Springfield MSA

Item	Number of Jobs			Change from:	
	Dec. 1993P	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992	Nov. 1993	Dec. 1992
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	134,000	133,400	128,400	600	5,600
GOODS PRODUCING	25,700	25,800	24,900	-100	800
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	5,100	5,100	4,800	0	300
MANUFACTURING	20,600	20,700	20,100	-100	500
DURABLE GOODS	9,600	9,700	9,500	-100	100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
NONDURABLE GOODS	11,000	11,000	10,600	0	400
Paper & Allied Products	1,400	1,500	1,500	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	108,300	107,600	103,500	700	4,800
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	90,700	90,200	86,700	500	4,000
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,000	7,900	7,500	100	500
Railroad Transportation	900	900	900	0	0
TRADE	38,100	37,800	36,700	300	1,400
WHOLESALE TRADE	11,600	11,600	11,300	0	300
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	6,800	6,900	6,500	-100	300
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	0
RETAIL TRADE	26,500	26,200	25,400	300	1,100
Eating & drinking places	9,700	9,600	9,200	100	500
Retail Trade exc eating & drinking places	16,800	16,600	16,200	200	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	6,200	6,100	5,700	100	500
SERVICES	38,400	38,400	36,800	0	1,600
Personal & Business Services	8,100	7,800	7,400	300	700
Health Services	15,600	15,600	15,700	0	-100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17,600	17,400	16,800	200	800
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2,300	2,200	2,300	100	0
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	5,800	5,800	5,500	0	300
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	9,500	9,400	9,000	100	500

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Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings — Springfield MSA

Industry	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992	Dec 1993P	Nov 1993	Dec 1992
GOODS PRODUCING	19,100	19,400	18,000	40.3	40.0	40.9	$10.54	$10.49	$10.52	$424.76	$419.60	$430.27
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	3,900	4,000	3,400	36.0	35.9	34.2	12.60	12.89	12.88	453.60	462.75	440.50
MANUFACTURING	15,200	15,400	14,600	41.4	41.1	42.5	10.08	9.94	10.07	417.31	408.53	427.98
DURABLE GOODS	7,100	7,300	6,900	41.4	39.6	41.9	10.15	9.98	9.99	420.21	395.21	418.58
Industrial Machinery & Equip	1,800	1,800	1,700	41.9	39.9	43.8	11.30	11.23	11.79	473.47	448.08	516.40
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	2,300	2,400	2,400	42.3	41.7	42.7	9.90	9.42	9.17	418.77	392.81	391.56
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,100	8,100	7,700	41.3	42.4	43.0	10.02	9.90	10.13	413.83	419.76	435.59
Paper & Allied Products	1,200	1,200	1,300	40.2	43.1	41.3	11.36	11.48	10.82	456.67	494.79	446.87
Printing & Publishing	1,300	1,400	1,400	39.9	39.2	39.3	10.25	10.13	10.00	408.97	397.10	393.00
PRIVATE SERVICE PRODUCING	75,400	74,900	72,200	33.9	33.4	32.9	7.80	7.84	7.54	264.42	261.86	248.07
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	6,600	6,600	6,200	33.4	34.5	33.0	11.02	10.96	10.02	368.07	378.12	330.66
TRADE	34,400	34,200	33,100	33.3	32.3	32.9	7.87	7.95	7.94	262.07	256.78	261.23
WHOLESALE TRADE	9,900	9,900	9,400	40.3	40.0	38.7	11.08	11.11	11.06	446.52	444.40	428.02
Wholesale Trade - Durable Gds	5,800	5,800	5,200	40.3	39.8	38.4	9.51	9.44	9.40	383.25	375.71	360.96
Wholesale Trade - Nondur Gds	4,100	4,100	4,200	40.4	40.3	39.2	13.27	13.44	13.12	536.11	541.63	514.30
RETAIL TRADE	24,500	24,300	23,700	30.5	29.2	30.6	6.14	6.17	6.37	187.27	180.16	194.92
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	4,800	4,700	4,000	35.3	35.7	33.0	7.25	7.06	6.35	255.93	252.04	209.55
SERVICES	29,600	29,400	28,900	34.4	34.1	32.9	7.12	7.15	6.71	244.93	243.82	220.76

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